

**DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

B. ROLL CALL: President Keough

J. Carson

D. Fisher

J. Semifero

P. Cousins

J. Knight

R. Tell

Also present: Donna Dettling, Village Manager; Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager; Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Scott Maurer, Water and Sewer Department; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting – December 23, 2013

Motion Tell support Knight to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 23, 2013 with one correction under New Business – Consideration of: Dexter Mill Next Steps change *outside* the right of way to *inside* the right of way.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Erin McKillen – Update and future of the annual Luminary Project

Ms. McKillen thanked the Village council for stepping up with support for this year's project. Will be looking forward to working with the Village in the future years to keep this tradition going in the "old" Village as well as the newer sections.

Thom Phillips – Presentation on Huron Farms connection to the Dexter Huron Metro Park Trail. Presentation cancelled for the January 13 meeting.

Denise Dutcher, Dexter Community Schools (DCS) Teacher and Caitlin Joseph, DCS Farm to School Coordinator – Idea regarding bees and bee keeping.

Ms. Dutcher and Ms. Joseph expressed support of a beekeeping program in the Village. They gave a presentation on honeybees and the need to support these bees as they benefit gardening and can be used to enhance student learning. They spoke about where a pollinator garden could be places such as the Community Garden or Gordon Hall, placement at the High School garden, and installing an observation hive at the schools. They are looking to the Village to modify the ordinance so they can begin their program. A comment from Council was why not have active hives at the schools which was explained because of a possible issue with allergies. Trustee

Cousins did mention that hives were present at the High School (now Creekside) when the Outdoor Lab was in place and that we need to understand the importance of bees to agriculture.

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Carson; support Cousins to approve as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Action on each public hearing will be taken immediately following the close of the hearing

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Allan Newman of 2577 Newport Road, Ann Arbor and one of the founders of ReCellular, is in the process of selling the property and building to MC3 and would like to donate the barn currently on the property to the Village. He is looking for a decision soon as MC3 is anxious to close. He also mentioned having approached the Historical Society.

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar
3. Carlisle Wortman Annual Donation Letter
4. Faith in Action Newsletter

I. REPORTS

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

Mr. Schlaff submits his progress report of the DPW and Water/Sewer per packet.
Mr. Schlaff was absent and Scott Maurer responded to the following:

- Question asked about the digging out of fire hydrants in Dexter Crossing and Mr. Maurer responded that it was not done by the Village. It must have been done by residents.
- Were there any delays at the water plant due to the cold? (No)
- Mr. Maurer did explain some issues with the sludge handling project that set the company back about four days.
- Trustee Tell praised the Village crew during the recent snow storm.

2. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”

None

3. Subcommittee Reports -None
Economic Preparedness
Facilities
Roads
Utility
Website

4. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. Mrs. Dettling gave the following verbal updates:

- Mrs. Dettling introduced Scott Pacheco from the audience who is one of the two finalists for the Community Development Manager position.
- In regards to the barn on Dan Hoey Road, Trustee Carson asked why not accept Mr. Newman's offer and give the barn to the Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum and Trustee Fisher spoke about the interest that the Historical Society may have in the barn.

Motion Semifero; support Carson to have the Village Manager work with Mr. Newman and look at the property split of ¼ acre and donation of the barn on Dan Hoey Road.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Tell and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

- River Terrace Trail – need to meet with Mr. Hafner on sharing the drive.
- Reminder of the Environmental Awareness Award presentation on January 22 and the Business Summit on January 24.
- A handout was provided that updated overtime for winter maintenance due to the recent snowfall and there will be a need to make a budget amendment for this item.

5. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. In addition Mr. Keough reported on the following:

- Have signed the documents between the Dexter Wellness Center and the DDA for the Brownfield reduction and the \$37,500 reimbursement to the DDA.
- Asking for a clarification from the Chelsea Wellness Foundation regarding the wording from a letter enclosed with the \$85,000 reimbursement for the ADA ramp.
- Plan on meeting with the union representatives on Wednesday. May not have all healthcare options available to be completed by March 1 and may need to postpone the new contract until this is in place.

- Working on scheduling a Website Committee meeting and a Facility Committee meeting

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$193,163.88

Motion Fisher; support Carson to approve item 1 of the Consent Agenda.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Cityhood Next Steps-Charter Commission Update

Ms. Nicholls provided a verbal update on the Charter Commission. The Commission has finished with the first reading through Article II – City Council and will be moving on to Article III – Administrative Services. They have set their meeting schedule through March.

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Dates for Proposed Goals Setting, Special Projects and 2014-2015 Budget Review Sessions

Reviewed through the proposed schedule and discussion followed as to the need for all of the meetings. Looking into moving the April 30th Budget Review to May 7th and a request for President and President Pro-Tem to conduct the Village Manager review and report back to Council.

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Carson	None
Tell	None
Knight	Invited Council to attend a meeting Sunday, January 26 for a long term goal setting session for the Dexter Historical Society and Museum at the Dexter Library.
Jones	None
Semifero	None
Fisher	None
Cousins	Thank the Village and the DPW for all of the work during the storm. They did a great job.

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Lisa Allmendinger of 18829 Bush Road. Chelsea announced that the Dexter Update is up and running online and to provide her with stories of Dexter to print.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Fisher; support Cousins to adjourn at 8:26 PM

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: January 27, 2014